

Overall, BAER assessments are wrapping up this week. All of the initial requests for the region will be in today and the letters are prepped in Mercury for authorization.

Okanogan-Wenatchee - The final two initial requests are in, both slightly less than anticipated; Crescent Mountain at \$191,150 and McLeod at \$141,180 for road and trail drainage improvements, invasive species EDRR, hazard warning signs and area closures. There is an interim request for the Cougar Creek fire of \$15,940 due to higher unit costs during implementation and dealing with hazardous waste from a vault toilet. We were able to line out an additional engineer to assist with road implementation on the forest and she will be in place next week.

Olympic - The Maple Fire request for \$58,226 was submitted on Friday. Treatments include road drainage improvements, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, and hazard warning signs.

Willamette - The Terwilliger Fire request has been submitted today for \$56,300 to complete treatments for road and trail drainage improvements, protection of the hot springs infrastructure, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, and hazard warning signs.

Joy Archuleta and Rob Tanner will be covering the BAER program for me while I am on the Grand Canyon – 10/19/2018-11/10/2018. Joy, Rob and I had a meeting today to discuss the program needs. Other than the occasional follow-up question from forests, the only item I see potentially on the horizon while I am gone, would be an interim request for the Klondike fire. The Forest BAER coordinator, Joni Brazier and the Initial Assessment team leader, Kyle Wright, have been following the additional acres burned and so far do not see the need for an interim request. However, that could change if the fire does continue to grow impact more BAER critical values. If an interim is submitted, it will likely need to be forwarded to the WO since the initial request was already \$473,702. I will leave information with Joy and Rob on the process for the WO request in case it is needed.

All in all, a safe and successful season!

Thanks!

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